

**Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Project Profile**  
**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program

<b>Focus Areas Funded</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epidemiology and Surveillance - Core</li> <li>• Laboratory Capacity for Biologic Agents</li> </ul>
<b>South Dakota has strengthened its capacity to respond to threats of bioterrorism by:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting syndromic surveillance during the 2000 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally to rapidly identify unusual illnesses</li> <li>• Requiring reporting of critical BT threat agents as well as "unusual illness" and "clusters of disease"</li> <li>• Educating partners such as the SD Environmental Health Association, the Rural Health Association and the Indian Health Service about bioterrorism issues</li> <li>• Training state and local Disease Intervention Specialists</li> <li>• Collaborating with the Division of Emergency Management and the Coordinator of the Weapons of Mass Destruction program to integrate CDC, DOJ and FEMA bioterrorism grant objectives for enhanced effectiveness</li> <li>• Participating in the bioterrorism subcommittee of the Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance</li> <li>• Training laboratory and shipping room staff on handling and transfer of potential bioterrorism agents</li> <li>• Developing bioterrorism fact sheets and an administrative policy for bioterrorism event reporting</li> <li>• Participating in an anthrax table-top exercise</li> </ul>
<b>Project Year 2 Plans (August 31, 2000-August 30, 2001) include:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in the Montana-Dakotas-Idaho regional epidemiology and surveillance consortium</li> <li>• Developing procedural guidelines and educational materials for local laboratorians</li> <li>• Educating public safety, emergency response and medical personnel about the threat of bioterrorism</li> <li>• Developing and validating analytical methods for biologic agents</li> </ul>
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